Alabama

Conference, Farmers- 1931

Prattville, Ala., Progress
Thursday, February 12, 1931

The Second Colored Farmers Conference

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The Second Colored Farmers Conference of Autauga County was held at the County Training School, Friday, JaJn. 30, 1931.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Rev. S. L. Bates, at 11:30 a. m. The discussion of the Home-Living program was indulged in for the year 1931, by men and women of the rural sections, men and women of the Extension force of agriculture of the Tuskegee Institute.

Mr. J. H. Taylor gave a brief and helpful summary showing how he increased the yield of cotton per acre by using the Auburn method of fertilizing under the guidance of the county agent, and how he produced corn enough to do him this year by plowing his land early in the winter which made it possible to conserve moisture as a result of holding some of the winter rain.

Mr. Jim Myree gave a brief statement as to how the farmers had made a mistake by trying to grow cotton with which to buy corn. He advised every farmer to grow peas, potatoes, velvet beans, corn, peanuts, hay, and make enough syrup for his family.

Mrs. Solomon Houser rather pointedly stated how she learned to improve and decorate her home by making use of rags and sacks to make rugs and canning fruits and vegetables for home consumption with the assistance of the Home Demonstration Agent.

Miss Lucy Jackson was loud in her praise as to the Four-H Club which did much in enabling her to learn how to cook various diets for health as well as living. She also told how she won the third prize once at the 4-H Club Camp at Tuskegee Institute and the first prize the next year.

Mr. Eddie Nunn gave a demonstration on poultry culling. He showed the people how they cull their chickens, and eliminate those from the yard that are not laying enough eggs to pay their feed bill. He also told how he won the third prize in culling poultry at 4-H club camp at Tuskegee Institute.

Mr. R. L. Thurston, of Tuskegee Institute, discussed the home-living-program to our farmers. He told them the people of Macon county that were not suffering from this depression were those who had always made their living at home. He said the merchants an dland owners endorsed the program which they made out for the farmers of Macon county, and after comparing ours with theirs, he urged the farmers of Autauga county to get solidly behind the Autauga county program. Mr. Thurston closed by advising the tenant farmer to take his farm program to the land owner for his criticism and approval so as to enable all to make a living at home and board at the same place.

Mrs. B. T. Pompy of Tuskegee Institute, in discussing the home living program urges better c[o]operation in the family, beauti[fy] the yard and home, can m[ore] fruits, vegetables, and cooperate with the Home Demonstration agent.

Mr. L. C. Johnson, principal of Chilton County Training School, gave a brief statement as to the progress the colored people were making in his county. This progress is due to the fact that a number of negroes cooperate with their white friends and this splendid team work has forced the negroes to at least try to make a living at home.

County Superintendent W. H. McDaniel spoke briefly to the farmers. He told them that unles sthey would do the things that had been pointed out to them, that none of it would help them, or solve their problems.

Finally, we are asking and pleading with all of the land owners to think well of the home living program. If you approve it, give us your unstinted cooperation to the end that every negro farmer in Autauga county may be taught to make his living at home and board at the same place

L. V. BATTLE, H. D. A.
POETRY HUGHES, F.D.A.

Tuskegee Will Be Scene Of Farmer's Conference

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, (ANP)—"Alabama farmers and Alabama landowners are to hold the center of the stage on the program of the 41st Negro farmers conference, at Tuskegee Institute, Dec. 2," said C. J. Calloway of the conference committee, in an interview Friday.

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Judge L. H. Reynolds of the probate court, a large and influential planter from Clanton, Alabama, will be one of the principal speakers. Judge Reynolds is thoughly acquainted with the farming situation in Alabama, and will bring to the conference valuable suggestions gained through first hand experience.

Farm and home demonstration agents are urging many Negroes who have used conference suggestions to fight the depression to attend the conference as witnesses for the practical benefits of modern methods.

Florida

Conference, Farmers-1931

Tallahassee, Fla. Democrat
Wednesday, February 11, 1931

Negro Farmers Like Farm Plan

County Agent Interests Colored Owners And Tenants In Diversified Program.

County Agent Grover Hodge attended a meeting of negro farmers at Chaires Tuesday night.

His visit was for the purpose of interesting the farmers of that section in the Leon county farm program which has been adopted as a standard for the negro farmer in 1931.

About 20 farmers attended the meeting. Practically half of those present were land owners. All evidenced a keen interest in the work being organized over the county. Tenant farmers were assured that their landlords would help them in getting started on a diversified program of more intensive production.

Upwards of 75 negro farmers have already been enlisted, and this number is expected to be augmented at the next meeting of the group in the court house here on Saturday, February 21.

Tallahassee Democrat
Monday

NEGRO FARMER MEETINGS HELD

Other Institutes Planned In Future To Assist Rural Workers.

Farmers' institutes for negro farmers were held in Columbia, Alachua and Marion counties the past week to which leading farmers from the negro farming communities attended with their wives and 4-H club members. The conferences were held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The programs carried out included lectures and addresses by experts and specialists from the university extension division, Florida State Marketing Bureau and the secretaries of the chambers of commerce of Lake City, Gainesville and Ocala.

The Citizens of Columbia and Alachua counties were appreciative of the visit of the Florida A. & M. College forty piece band which was secured for the occasion under auspices of the chamber of commerce, banks and business men of Lake City and Gainesville. The band under the direction of Capt. Thomas of the Florida A. & M. College rendered special selections at the court house squares, then marched to the colored high schools of each city where the programs were carried out.

At Gainesville the "Feast of the Tomato" was given at Lincoln high school by the students and faculty of that institution, directed by local farm agent A. W. Boles which offered to all a real educational as well as interesting spectacle. Considerable interest was manifested in the live stock display on a truck in the parade at Gainesville from the Live Stock Division of the University of Florida showing the "Better Breeds of Cattle and hogs." A placard on the truck read "Kill the scrub bull." Another read, "We live at home with the cow-sow-and-hen."

Remarks by the leading negroes at each place paid tribute to the very generous and loyal support to the merchants and business of the cities for their interest and support toward free luncheon given the visiting farmers, including speakers and friends present at each point. The colored high school at Gainesville and Lake City took the responsibility of serving the visitors in their domestic science departments.

Similar meetings are scheduled for other counties during the year in order that farmers and 4-H clubs might have opportunity to be enlightened the sam as those who attend the Annual Farmers' Conference at the Florida Agricultural & Mechanical College at Tallahassee in December of each year.

A. A. Turner Local District Agent with headquarters at the A. & M. College with the local farm agents in the respective counties were responsible for the programs carried out. Prof. A. P. Spencer, Vice Director of the Extension Division and President J. R. E. Lee of the Florida A. & M. College were the principal speakers.

Jacksonville, Fla. Times-Union
Saturday, March 28, 1931

Institute Conducted In Gainesville for Aid of Negro Farmers

GAINESVILLE, March 27.—Lectures by members of the staff of the Extension Division of the University of Florida featured the Institute for Negro Farmers" held here today. The sessions were well attended, and considerable interest was evidenced in a livestock display furnished by the State Experiment Station, University of Florida.

A. P. Spencer of the Extension Division was the principal speaker of the day. He discussed the improvement of farming methods, and the betterment of living conditions among the negro farmers in the State.

An institute similar to the one staged here today, is to be held tomorrow in Ocala. J. R. E. Lee, president of the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes, at Tallahassee, will be one of the principal speakers, his address being scheduled for 1 P. M.

Conference, Farmers - 1931

Aiken, S. C. Journal Review
Wednesday, [illegible] 1931

Annual Conference for Colored Farmers

The Annual Farmers Conference that is held for colored farmers at Walker Institute, Augusta, Ga., will take place Thursday and Friday, February the 12th and 13th, 1931. Every forward looking colored farmer is urged to attend. The management has secured a full and efficient corp of farm experts and business men for the occasion. Below is the far reaching program.

Conference theme: Better Farm and Home Conditions in 1931.

Thursday February 12th

10:00 a. m. to 12:00 Noon.

1. A brief survey of the farming situation within the State. Prof. Alva Tabor, Supervisor of Agricultural Education for Negro Schools.

2. Providing food and feed for the farm family and farm animals, led by Prof. L. S. Molette, assistant supervisor of agriculture for Negroes.

3. Growing soil improvement crops, led by Prof. C. O. Brown, County Farm Agent, Milledgeville, Ga.

Dinner.

1:30 p. m. to 3:30 p. m.

4. Round table discussion, Better Farms, led by Prof. Alva Tabor, supervisor of agricultural education for negro schools.

5. Address, Prof. H. A. Hunt, Principal Fort Valley H. & I. School.

Friday, February 13th

1. Increasing Annual Cash Income.

a. What cash crop to grow, led by Prof. L. P. Mayhen, teacher of vocational agriculture, Waynesboro, H. & I. School, Waynesboro.

b. What farm animals to produce for the market, led by Prof. T, W, Brown, County Farm Agent, Sandersville, Ga,

2. How to get a Rosenwald school in your community, led by Prof. Vincent Harris, executive secretary, Georgia State Teachers and Educational Association.

3. Working with rural agencies led by Prof. T. N. Roberts, resident teacher trainer, Georgia State Industrial College, Georgia.

Dinner.

1:30 p. m., to 3:30 p. m.

4. Round table discussion, Community Development, led by Prof Alva Tabor, Supervisor of Agricultural Schools.

Savannah, Ga. News
Sunday, February 10, 1931

FARMERS HAVE SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE

"Making the best better" was the theme of the Negro Farmers' Conference held in Waycross today under the auspices of the Ware County Agricultural Board, extension workers and farmers of this section of the state.

The Farmers Conference for Negroes is an annual event in Waycross, and in the past has been one of the biggest negro agricultural events in Georgia, having brought here such eminent leaders as Dr. George Carver, Tuskegee scientist.

Among the white speakers on the program were Dr. George E. Atwood, commissioner of health for Ware county; R. C. Cavender, superintendent of Ware county schools; Dr. R. J. Heyde, Ware county agent; Miss Lizzie Mae Hancock; home demonstration agent for Ware county; C. B. Beale, district forester.

Club demonstrations, an oratorical contest, poultry culling, table setting contests, spelling contests, farm cured meat demonstrations, and addresses on hog health, forestry, the rural schools, health and sanitation, meat cutting demonstrations and other features were on the all-day program.

Clifford Tapley, negro county agent, and Janie B. Jordan, negro home demonstration agent, were assisted in the preparations for the conference by Alexander Hurse, negro state club agent, and other leaders from the extension department, and the Georgia Industrial College in Savannah.

Savannah, Ga. News

FARMERS HAVE SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE

The Burke County farmers held their conference at the Waynesboro High and Industrial Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6th-7th. The conference was successful throughout the entire session. Friday was devoted mostly to speaking. Prof. T. N. Roberts led the discussion Friday morning on the general outlook among farmers of Georgia for this year. Following him Mr. Joel Chappell, farm demonstration agent for Burke spoke on increasing the farm income. He urged the farmers to get away from the one crop system and plant what they needed a thome to live on and raise cotton as a surplus crop. He also brought out the fact that it cost Burke County farmers 14 cents a pound to grow cotton last year thereby losing from 4 to 6 cents per pound on the crop. Mr. Chappelle pledged the farmers his support and told them not to fail to call on him when they needed information and help with their farm problems. Prof. J. L. Bolton, teacher of Vocational Agriculture spoke briefly on the vocational program in the country. He urged the farmers to cooperate with Prof. L. P. Myhan in putting the agriculture program on a paying basis.

The theme of the conference was "a balanced farm program for Burke County for 1931." This program was portrayed in the balanced farm exhibits and was discussed by Supt. E. B. Gresham very thoroughly. Mr. Gresham urged the farmers to rely upon other crops than cotton for cash. He told them that cotton was no longer a cash but a credit crop since most all the credit was made on it. After he had explained the program so well the farmers agreed to adopt it. The whole country is going to organize and put their farms on a higher producing basis per acre and plant vegetables to can and sell as cash crops. The canning will be done in the new Industrial building put up by Prof. Myhan this term. This is the first move that has been made to adopt a uniform program among farmres in the county. Prof. Myhan is doing a great work in this section.

The prizes for the Ham Show was won by the following persons: First prize Milton Sills, $7.00; second prize, Mose Cotton, $3.00; third prize, Pink Jones, $2.50. The Balanced Farm prizes were awarded as follows: George Gordon, first prize $7.00; second prize, Thomas Bessent, $3.00, and third prize, Pink Jones, $2.50. The judges were Mr. Joel Chappel, Waynesboro; Mr T. N. Roberts, Savannah and Mr J. H. Twitty, Millen, Ga. Prof. Twitty also spoke Friday morning on what cash crops to grow. He made a splendid talk that was direct to the point and was enjoyed by all the farmers.

Visitors to the conference were Prof. I. E. Bryant, Keysville H. & I. School, Rev. J. L Bennett, Augusta Rev. J. W. Tate, Augusta, Rev. Phelps, Boggs Academy, Prof. J. E. Brown, Principal, Walker Institute, Augusta, and Mr T. N. Roberts, State Teacher Trainer, Savannah, Ga.

Butler, Ga., Herald
Thursday, February 12, 1931

Negro farmers of Bulloch county adopted a farm program at the close of a two-day farmers' and teachers meeting held at the Statesboro high and industrial school.

Through the co-operation of the city, county, negro citizens and the Rosenwald fund a negro school building costing approximately $15,000 will be erected at Tifton.

Jefferson, Ga., Herald
Thursday, February 12, 1931

NEGRO FARMERS ARE URGED TO PREPARE FOR FARMERS CONFERENCE AND COUNTY FAIR

The Farmers' Conference, Meat Show, and 4-H Club Fair of Jackson County will be held at the county court house, March 13 and 14. The program will consist of demonstrations and lectures by specialists from the Georgia State College of Agriculture. They will give information on some of the most important phases of farm crops, live stock, and home development. One hundred pieces of cured meat is set as the goal for the meat show. The Farmers' Bureau is also co-operating in promoting these events, that it is felt will create and stimulate better farming throughout the county. Every farmer is urged to help in making this conference and meat show a real success. The program and premium list will be published later.

Please, 4-H Club members, Home Demonstration club members, and teachers, get busy, and let us make this county fair the best. Begin now, and look over your canned goods brought back from the Southeastern Fair, and let our home folks see the kind of canning and sewing that it took to bring the $154, in prizes, back to Jackson county.

Teachers, you are requested to put on display samples of school work done by pupils in each individual school. The "spelling bee" will be held, as usual. Drill your 5, 6, and 7th grades on spelling.

Help us to make the whole conference a success.

M. R. Torbert,
Home Demonstration Agent.
E. L. Cooper,
Negro Agricultural Agent.

NEGRO AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE HELD

BARNESVILLE, Ga., Feb. 10.—(AP)—Lamar county's first conference for negro farmers was held here Tuesday, when farmers exhibited their products and heard addresses by agricultural agents.

Judge B. S. Hardy, ordinary of this county, and editor of the News-Gazette, spoke and T. J. Gardner, superintendent of schools, addressed a plea to the negroes to send their children to school, and to prevent forest fires. Mr. Gardner allowed the negro schools to close for the day so that the teachers might attend the conference.

District Agent J. A. Johnson and Monroe County Agent H. G. Wiley urged the farmers to raise food and feed at home, to cut cotton acreage but improve the cotton quality by planting better seed and using better fertilizer. Agent O. S. O'Neal, of Fort Valley, gave a demonstration of meat cutting.

Agent S. H. Lee, of Bibb county, ascertained that seven farmers came to the conference in buggies, one in a truck and 28 in automobiles.

Exhibits included many varieties of vegetables, fruits, nuts, meats and other farm products.

A similar meeting will be held at the A. & M. school in Forsyth Wednesday. W. M. Hubbard is principal of the school.

Augusta, Ga. Chronicle
Friday, February 13, 1931

NEGRO FARMERS OF TWO STATES MEET

Diversification Urged By Speakers at Conference Held Here

WILL MEET AGAIN TODAY

Farmers Are Urged to Settle Down on Soil and Own Part of It

By REV. I. J. YANCY

The first day's session of the Farmers Conference being held at Walker Institute had a fair attendance yesterday, both of farmers and ministers from South Carolina and Georgia.

There was a thoroughness that characterized the addresses and advices that showed much thoughtful study. All of the experts spoke in terms and language of the farmer as they drew comparisons, contrasts, and made deductions about the management and operation of the 1931 farm.

Five farm experts attended the meeting, three of which spoke and the others will speak today. T. N. Roberts, resdent teacher-trainer at the Georgia State Industrial college, had the managing control of the conference and made the opening address. He spoke on "Farm Conditions in Georgia for 1931;" and said in part, "That there are three unhappy conditions confronting the farmer today. They are: first, "He is broke," second, "He is hungry," and third, "He has a surplus crop on his hands that he cannot sell to an advantage."

"He is broke because he has allowed cotton growing to predominate his thought and action too long. The American cotton grower can no longer be secure in the knowledge of having a monopoly on the cotton market of the world. There is sharp competition both in Africa and Europe, and the competition is not much concerned with quantity but with quality. And with such conditions prevailing it is unthinkable that we can any longer expect to

make a living and have money by cotton growing alone."

Must Grow Food

He said that the farmer is hungry because he has given no thought to the growing of food for his family and feed for his live stock; that he has thought to buy it with cotton too long.

T. W. Brown, farm agent for Washington county, discussed "Soil Improvement." He said in part. "The soil is the foundation of the farm and the farmer must use the most telling and natural method in building and maintaining his soil productivity." He recommended the sowing and plowing under of rye, oats, velvet beans and vetch. He also gave instruction on the care of fruit trees.

Prof. M. A. Hunt, principal of Fort Valley H. & I. school, Fort Valley, Ga., made an impressive and inspirational address. He spoke of the indescribable joy of helping boys and girls on towards the worthwhile. He said that the farmer need not think too much about making money on the farm any more nor was it needful to be over concerned about money making, declaring that we can pay too high a price for a dollar as well as for anything else. With a sensible program the farmer can make a living on the farm and rear a decent family. He urged that the negro settle down on the soil, own a part of it if but a little part, and that as he settles down on the farm he must fully dedicate himself to the education of his children and the training of them into self respecting citizens by helping to make their surroundings bearable and inviting. He told of the much suffering that he noted among the negro race, as he traveled in the east, north and west.

At the close of today's program there will be a basketball game between Waynesboro H. & I. school and Walker Institute.

Athens, Ga. Banner-Herald
..., February 17, 1931

Big Crowd Attends Mass Meet Sunday For Negro Farmers

A large crowd attended the farmers' educational mass meeting in the interest of Negro farm development which was held at St. Luke's A. M. E. church, four miles from Athens on the Lexington road, Sunday afternoon.

Negroes from all parts of Clarke county and other counties were present. Several white persons attended the meeting. Addresses were delivered by James W. Morton, John B. Gamble, Dr. T. H. Johnston, County Demonstration Agent L. E. Cooper, Claude Tuck and R. E. Romans. Prof. S. F. Harris, principal of the Athens High and Industrial school, presided, and gave a talk, "Practical Education." Special music was furnished by the First A. M. E. choir and the St. Luke choir.

Home farming, practical farming and the development of the poultry industry were stressed in talks. Dr. Morton discussed "The Farming Outlook." Dr. Johnston gave "A Rural Health Program."

"How To Make Farming Count," by Mr. Gamble, and "A 1931 Program for a Small Farmer," by L. F. Cooper, were features on the program.

NEGROES OF LAMAR COUNTY HOLD FARM CONFERENCE

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Milledgeville, Ga., Recorder
Thursday, February 19, 1931

NEGRO FARMERS TO GATHER AT CONFERENCE TODAY

Negro farmers of Baldwin county will gather at the Court House today at ten o'clock for a conference under the direction of Colored Agent C. O. Brown.

At this meeting winners of the five acre contests will be announced and prizes awarded. Members of the 4H clubs will also be present and have a part on the program, singing several songs of the club.

Mr. Kennith Treanor, economist of the college of Agriculture, will be one of the principal speakers on the program. He will discuss the outlook for 1931. Mr. L. R. Langley, who is co-operating with the colored agent in puting over a live at home program, will discuss marketing farm produce, Dr. Murray King, State Veterinarian, will give demonstrations on inoculating hogs against cholera. Mr. Alexander Hurse, head of the state club department, will also be present. Mr. C. B. McCullar, secretary of the fair will tell of plans for the fair this fall.

Agent Brown is doing good work with the negro farmers, and he is anxious to get the landlords interested in having their tenants conduct five acre demonstrations and to help get them interested in improving their farms.

Georgia Farmers in Annual Conference

Recorder 3-14-31
Chicago, Ill.

FORT VALLEY, Ga., March 12.—The 14th annual home cured meat and poultry show and the fourth annual Boys and Girls 4-H club Achievement day was held here Thursday and Friday of last week at the Fort Valley High and Industrial school, H. A. Hunt, principal, under the auspices of the U. S. department of agriculture and extension work, with the Georgia State Industrial college and the Fort Valley school co-operating.

The displays of meat, poultry, canned goods and handicraft were inspected by visitors of national and state prominence, among them Prof. J. H. Richardson, poultry specialist, Athens; Dr. W. E. B. Dubois, New York; A. F. Lever of the federal farm board, Columbia, S. C.; Col. S. A. Nunn, Perry, Ga., promoter of boys' and girls' club work; Prof. S. H. Lee; Miss Borga, home demonstration agent, Fulton county; Prof. Alex Hurse, state club agent, Savannah; Prof. Alva Tabor, state supervisor of Smith-Hughes schools; Prof. W. A. Battle, New York; Dr. F. C. Chandler, county agent, Houston county; Prof. C. B. Enghran, county agent, Peach county; Rev. M. F. Fountain, pastor of Stewart Chapel, Macon, and Rev. D. A. Stanton, field secretary of the M. E. church, Atlanta.

A. F. Lever and Rev. M. F. Fountain were the principal speakers at this year's conference, their respective remarks being directed toward solving problems through education and the improving of the farmer's economic condition through scientific farming. A topic for open discussion, "How to Make a Living and Some Cash," was the feature of Thursday's meeting in which many of the farmers related their experiences and achievements. Some of the speakers were Tris Smith and Major Amica, Mrytle; W. R. Webb, Henderson; David Rogers, Mt. Zion; Rev. S. B. Roundtree and Rev. P. S. Killins, Nebo; Jimmie Drew and James Williams, Kings Chapel; Marion Lattimore, Powersville; I. D. Fleullen, Visson, and others.

Between sessions Brunswick stew and barbecue were served to approximately 500 farmers and visitors and 300 club boys and girls. Besides the display of 360 pieces of meat and prize poultry there were also displays of canned goods, all through the combined efforts of the farm demonstration agent, F. S. O'Neal, and the home demonstration agent, Mrs. Margaret Toomer, both working in Peach and Houston counties. Community schools joined the H. and I. school in presenting displays of sewing, basketry and weaving.

Prizes awarded the various displays were donated to the sponsors of the conference and included 12 subscriptions to the Macon Telegraph, 10 subscriptions to the Leader-Gribune, 10 subscriptions to the Home Journal, $10 in gold and silver donated by the Bank of Fort Valley and the Chero Cola Bottling works, while business men of the city donated produce evaluated at $50.

NEGRO FARMERS TO HAVE FIELD DAY CONFERENCE

On Friday, March 20th at 11:00 A. M. at Macedonia church the Field Day program and Farmers Conference will be held.

The program begins with an oratorical contest among students from the various communities. There will be a contest in Harmonica (Harp) blowing, Hog calling and Chicken calling. The program ends with the following subjects:

"What is the safe thing for Hancock farmers to do in 1931."—Mr. S. D. Truitt, White County Agent.

"How long will it take a farmer to make a good living farming on poor soils."—C. O. Brown, Colored County Agent of Baldwin County.

"How to improve the cow, the hen, and the hog."—T. W. Brown, Colored County Agent of Washington County.

After the program at the church, the athletic activities will take place at East End school. Prizes will be awarded.

J. B. STEVENS,
Colored County Agent.

Carrollton ... Times
Thursday, March ... 1931

Carroll Negro Farmers Met Last Saturday

The Negro Farmers of Carroll county met in grand session last Saturday morning at the Mt. Zion Baptist church.

Rural life and better farming were discussed from every angle, by men who have made the study of the industry a specialty. As a means of correcting the present situation special emphasis on diversified farming was made by each speaker.

Among the prominent speakers were Mayor Luck, Mrs. B. F. Boykin, President Ingram, Superintendent Brooks; also President Hubbard, from the Negro A. & M. School, Forsyth, Ga.

Mayor Luck and each white speaker were so favorably impressed with "The Negro Melodies" which were rendered so impressively by a chorus from the Carrollton Publci School, that they promised their full support in helping to place such talent in a comfortable school building next term. The chorus in turn promised free servic to any audience, white or colored, whenever called.

John Anderson, negro principal of the school, in responding to Mayor Luck's welcome address, lauded highly Carrollton's chief executive for his fine administrative ability, mentioning the fact that race relationship here is unparalleled in any other city in the state, and emphasizing the fact that every citizen, irrespective of color, should take pride in rallying strongly to the honorable support of our beloved Superior, that Carrollton might continue to be the City of Good-Will, the City of Happiness, and the City of Prosperity.

TAMMY THOMAS, H. D. A.

Conference, Farmers - 1931

Georgia.

Barnesville, Ga., News-Gazette
Thursday, February 12, 1931

COLORED PEOPLE HAVE ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

What is regarded as one of the most successful and enthhusiastic meetings ever held by the colored farmers of Lamar county was the one in White's Chapel C. M. E. Church on Waterworks street Tuesday, sponsored and presided by S. H. Lee, Colored County agent for Bibb, Monroe and Lamar.

In connection with the meeting there was a miniature county fair in the form of a display of products grown and put up by the colored men and women of the county. This was a highly creditable showing, illustrating the industry, intelligence and good citizenship of the colored people. And the colored people were there displaying the keenest possible interest in the occasion. There was an audience of 250 people, 100 of them farmers, the balance women and young people.

The articles on display were of the finest quality and showed good taste in preparing them for use and putting them on display, reflecting great credit on the colored people of Lamar, for various communities were represented.

The display consisted of 17 exhibits of corn, 23 hams, 8 shoulders, 3 pieces of side meat, 25 jars peaches, 8 jars berries, sh bottles of syrup, 11 jars pickles, 14 jars jelly, 2 jars relish, 1 jar mixed soup, 1 jar stuffed pepper, 3 jars lard, 3 jars beans, 1 package sausage, 14 exhibits of beans, 18 of peas, 7 of eggs, 2 of corn meal, 1 of black walnuts, 1 of pecans, 1 of velvet beans, 1 of peanuts, 1 of kaffir corn, 1 of cane seed, 1 of wheat.

The crowd came in automobiles, buggies and trucks. It was a remarkable outpouring of the colored people and provided abundant evidence that they are alive to their interest and welfare and that they constitute, as a whole, a citizenship worthy of apreciation and commendation.

As an outgrowth of the day's program there was organized the Lamar County Colored Farmers Development Committee, with the following as officers: E. C. Vaughn, president; T. M. Bush, vice president; E. W. Willis, secretary.

Agent Lee had invited District Agent J. A. Johnson of Macon, County Agent H. G. Wiley, of Monroe county, to be present and talk specially along the lines of work sponsored by thhe Georgia State College of Agriculture, both of whom were present and made most helpful suggestions, which were received with enthusiasm. Prof. T. J. Gardner, Lamar school superintendent, also made a splendid talk in which he urged the colored people to cooperate in keeping down forest fires which are annually doing great damage. He also urged parents to see that their children were in school and attended regularly. Colored Agent O'Neal of Fort Valley, was present and made valuable suggestions, particularly about curing of meat.

There were a number of white citizens to show their interest in the meeting, all of whom were pleased with the outcome of the various featured of the meeting.

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Comments On Talks

S. H. Lee

Very encouraging and helpful talks were made by the following white speakers: Judge B. H. Hardy, Supt. T. J. Gardner, Mr. E. C. Milner, District Agent J. A. Johnson, and County Agent H. G. Wiley of Monroe.

Judge Hardy very warmly commended the colored farmers on this, their initial effort, and expressed not only great surprise but the keenest delight to see the tremendously large acres for hay after grain. This year out by these colored citizen-farmers of the county and their wives.

Superintendent Gardner warmly endorsed what Judge Hardy had said, and among many other very valuable things asked the parents and teachers to teach their children to be "industrious, truthful, and honest" and keep the children in school, and to guard against "burning the woods."

Mr. Miller said, "I think Agent Lee is doing a mighty fine piece of work teaching you people to grow soy beans. Last year I planted eleven amount of such fine products brought I would like to plant three times that many."

Mr. Johnson stressed soil building and the growing of a living at home by telling several amusing stories that doubly drove home his points. Mr. Wiley, step by step, showed to the surprise of all present just how many days labor it takes to produce one acre of average cotton, cotton that yields only 125 pounds of lint per acre. It takes 12½ days of hard work. He gave practical remedies for this low, unprofitable yield. He also gave them his twenty years successful growing, harvesting, and saving of sweet potatoes in hills.

Colored Agent O. S. O'Neal of Fort Valley gave a most helpful talk on raising meat at home, and how to trim, cure, smoke, and care for it afterwards. At the conclusion of his address he selected what he considered the best trimmed and smoked ham in the entire exhibit, which afterwards found to belong to his brother Kelley of Sugar Hill.

George Bush made a splendid talk on the value of such meetings as this. Tom Bush made one of the best talks of the meeting on the proper care of workstock. Jesse Holloway, Early Vaughn and Barham Banks said they had found bur clover to be the equal of vetch or any other winter legume both as a soil builder and grazing crop for both chickens and other stock. Kim Dees and Ernest Willis both have found the Otoo-tan soy bean to be not only a great hay crop, but as Willis expressed it over and over, as a soil builder it is "the best in the world."

FARMERS' CONFERENCE AND FIELD DAY

3-25-31

Sparta, Ga.—On Friday, March 20, at Macedonia Baptist Church, a large crowd witnessed the Farmers meeting and the oratorical contest. The subject of the oratorical contest was "The Resources of My Community." The first prize was awarded to a student from Springfield community; second prize by student of East End School. The other subject showed signs of careful preparation.

County Agent Brown of Milledgeville gave the farmers some interesting points on "How to Improve the Soil." Another interesting and beneficial talk was given by County Agent Brown of Sandersville. His subject was "How to Improve Live Stock."

After the conference at the church the people went to East End school to witness the races and contests in hog and chicken calling. Prizes were awarded the winners by Prof. Sims of this city. The last feature of the day was the baseball game between East End School and Sparta's city team.

COLORED FARMERS TO MEET SATURDAY

Ferguson and Hamilton to Address Them on Agriculture

I. S. Ferguson and T. J. Hamilton will address a meeting of colored farmers of Richmond county at the courthouse Saturday, Bright McConnell, Richmond county farm agent, announced yesterday.

The meeting will be held at 10 o'clock, he said. It has been called for the purpose of acquainting colored farmers with the "live-at-home" program sponsored by the bankers-farmers' meetings over the state. The two speakers named, with Mr. McConnell, will tell the farmers of the plans laid.

Co-operation of officials of Paine college and Walker institute in aiding the program has been pledged Mr. McConnell, he said.

A similar meeting will be conducted this afternoon at Melrose schoolhouse in Columbia county by E. M. Jackson, Columbia county agent and assistant agent of Richmond county. The meeting will be held at 2 o'clock.

NEGRO FARMERS

To Hear Talks on Live-at-Home Program

Bright McConnell, Richmond County Farm agent, said Tuesday that I. S. Ferguson, executive vice president of the Citizens & Southern National Bank, and Thomas J. Hamilton, editor of The Chronicle will be the principal speakers at the meeting Saturday of colored farmers of this section.

Mr. McConnell said that more than 200 farmers are expected to attend the meeting and hear the speakers outline the live-at-home program, which was drafted by the Georgia banker-farmer committee.

The county agent also said that unless the farmers give ample assurance that they will adhere to the live-at-home program, as outlined by the committee, then they will not be allowed to participate to the fullest degree in the federal farm loans.

The meeting will be held in the Richmond County superior court room and will start at 10 o'clock.

Augusta Ga. Herald
Tuesday, [illegible] 1931

NEGRO FARMERS MEET SATURDAY

Will Meet In New Negro School Building; Discuss Best Farming Methods

BY E. J. HAYES

The Negro farmers of this county are to meet in the New School building for Negroes here on Saturday when talks are to be made about the best methods of farming during these hard times. It is evident that methods of the past are not suitable to the demands at present and that there should be a definite understanding as to what steps are best to be taken that the greatest good come to all farmers.

Too, this meeting is set for another purpose—that being the getting together of farmers of this group that a common understanding exist. It is high day that the farmer as a potent factor in the development of things worth while, know himself and proceed to work along a more intelligent plane. Plans for this are to be projected in this conference, and all farmers are urged to come and bring their wives, if possible.

The County Farm agent, Mr. T. B. Brandon is to talk to us about the newer methods of farming, that, during the coming planting periods, we plant to an assured purpose. Too, we are expecting Miss Sleeper, County Club worker, to be present and tell the Negro farm women what might be done to make things better in their realm, and in general.

A prize that will suprise most of you, is to be given to the farmer holding the lucky number. Tickets with numbers will be distributed and a child will handle them when collected. Come at 10:30 sharp and be in your seats to hear the important messages.

I am anxious to have you, in this way christen the new building—for service to all.

Athens, Ga. Banner-Herald
Friday, March 27, 1931

Negro Farmers Adopt Live-At-Home Program

Below is a photograph of several hams on display at the recent Farmers' Conference and Meat Show at Union Institute chapel.

By E. L. COOPER
Negro County Farm Agent.

Growing your living first and making cotton a surplus cash crop was greatly emphasized and successfully sold through the Farmers' Conference and Meat Show that was held at Union Institute, March 5-6.

It was brought out that the year-round garden, the family milk cow, and the farm poultry flock can easily be made to fully supply the home with fresh, wholesome food at less than wholesale prices, and the sales from the surplus would provide a steady cash income to meet the current farm expenses. Specialists from the Georgia State College of Agriculture gave addresses and demonstrations that made these facts clea.

The meat show was a special feature of this conference. The farmers from different communities provided meat for this exhibition. Ninety percent of this meat was sugar-cured and hickory smoked.

It showed that hogs can be prepared on the individual farms of Clarke county, and meat preserved in sufficient quantities for home use. It was not overlooked, however, that to keep these different livestock profitably the feed must be produced on that particular farm.

Gainesville Sun
Friday

Negro Farmers Plan To Hold Conference In Gainesville Today

A negro farmers conference at which many tillers of the soil from Alachua and nearby counties are expected to attend will open in Gainesville this morning at 11 o'clock in the Lincoln high school auditorium. The purpose of the conference is to acquaint negro farmers with the present status of farming and to inform them of programs for crops this season.

Agricultural experts from the University of Florida College of Agriculture and the University Experiment Station will appear on the program, it was announced. Leading negro farmers and educators will also make addresses. Every negro farmer is invited to attend the conference.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock a demonstrational parade will be staged displaying various floats depicting the progress of the world and especially along agricultural lines. The Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, negro, band of Tallahassee will lead the parade.

Arrangements for the conference and activities of the day, which are in charge of A. Quinn Jones, principal of Lincoln high school, will exceed all previous plans for former negro gatherings in Gainesville, it was said.

Sparta Ga. Tahnesville
Thursday, April 2, 1931

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Thomas J. Hamilton and I. S. Ferguson Scheduled to Acquaint Planters With "Live-At-Home" Program.

Bright McConnell, Richmond County farm agent announces that Thomas J. Hamilton and I. S. Ferguson, will address a meeting of the colored farmers at the courthouse here Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

The meeting, it is said, has been called for the purpose of acquainting the colored farmers, with the "live-at-home" program sponsored by the bankers'-farmers' meetings over the state. Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. McConnell will acquaint the colored farmers with the plans outlined.

E. M. Jackson, columbia county farm agent and assistant agent of Richmond county held a similar meeting at Melrose schoolhouse in Columbia county Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Thomaston Times
Thursday, April 2, 1931

Colored Farmers To Hold Annual Meeting Saturday

The Fifth annual colored Farmer's Conferebce and club rally will be held Saturday April, 4th at the court house.

Prof. J. W. Lee of Esom Hill will preside over the meeting which will include addresses by Miss Anne Brumby, County School Superintendent on "What the Demonstration Council Means To A Community" and "The Value Of Being a 4H Club Member."

Miss Minnie Bowick, demonstration agent, of Atlanta, and Miss Hortense Kyles, of Douglas will also be heard on the program.

Several other agricultural experts of prominence in the county and State will make addresses at this meeting which will open at 10 a. m. and continue through the day.

COLORED FARMERS TO HOLD MEETING

PLAN TO HAVE MEETING AND PICNICS AT CULVER'S MILL ON WEDNESDAY JULY 29TH.

The colored farmers of Hancock county under the leadership of Charlie Pinkston and negro County Agent J. B. Stevens, will hold their annual meeting and picnic at Culver's Mill on Wednesday July 29th, according to announcement made here Monday. For a number of years Charlie Pinkston has been getting his farmer friends together for a meeting and barbecue and this year he has invited the negro 4-H club boys and girls, who have been trained by agent Stevens. They will put on a program for the benefit of the older farmers.

Speeches will be made by leading farmers, white and colored, and at the noon hour a real southern barbecue will be served to all present at a small charge.

Indications point to a record crowd at the meeting this year as the farmers seem anxious to learn diversified methods and are willing to listen to addresses on the subject. This in indeed laudable and we believe much good for agricultural pursuits among the negro farmers of Hancock will result.

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COUNTY AGENTS ADDRESS NEGRO FARMERS MEET

Mrs. Kitchens And J. V. Webb Give Interesting Talks Before Cave Spring Club

The Negro Progressive Farmers' Club was very much encouraged by an address by Mrs. Julia Kitchen, demonstration agent and J. V. Webb, county farm agent of Floyd county.

J. O. Sams, a successful farmer opened the meeting with a sane address. He said, "I have no sympathy for any man who can work—and when he works—he does nothing—and is now running to the government to get help. He needs no help and should not be given help and the government is doing right by not helping him. Let a man work for himself and if he can't save anything by the sweat of his brow he will not be able to pay the government, nor anyone else—for there is nothing to him."

The president, W. M. Gordon, introduced as the next speaker, Mr Webb, who spoke and gave an interesting account on poultry raising and the culling of chickens.

Mrs. Kitchens impressed the negro farmers and their wives on gardening. She outlined for spring and fall gardening twenty different vegetables that would produce a good garden from December 1931 to January 1932.

The advanced deaf class attended the lectures which were interpreted by their teacher, W. M. Gordon.

This class is growing seed plants in boxes as demonstrated.

Mrs. Kitchens announced that she would do all she could to be of assistance in securing prizes, etc. for the Negro Farmers Community fair of Cave Spring district next October 20-24, as announced by W. M. Gordon, president of the organization.

There will be an interesting feature of the announced fair—The Deaf Girls' Club will, during summer vacation, at their homes, make many garments and do embroidery for the fair, as they are trained in school.

Topics to be discussed at the next meeting in May will be "What should be the Relationship between the landlord and tenant for mutual success?"

Jefferson, Ga., Herald
Thursday, March 26, 1931

COLORED FARMERS CONFERENCE AND MEAT SHOW

The Farmers Conference and Meat Show, which were held Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14th, in Jefferson, were quite a success.

There were 43 pieces of well cured meat on display, consisting of well cured smoked hams, shoulders, sides. It was said that these 43 pieces of meat put on display were brought from three or four communities in Jackson county. I dare say that if one-fourth of the meat had been brought from all the communities in our county, there would not have been space in the court room for it.

The farm men and women did not only bring meat, but varieties of corn, peas, beans, vetch, clover, and canned fruits and vegetables too numerous to mention. This showed that the farm men and women have decided to adapt the slogan "Live at Home." The round table discussion by the farm men and women were very interesting, and much helpful information received.

Congratulations to the two county agents, Mrs. M. R. Torbert, and Prof. E. L. Cooper, for making such a conference and meat show possible, and for securing such noble men and women to speak to us, viz. Prof. T. T. Benton, C. S. S., who made the welcome address; Col. J. C. Turner; Mrs. Lela Mize, State Agent of the Agricultural College, Athens; Miss Sarah Whitaker, H. D. A. for white people of Jackson County, who left with us much helpful information concerning the cause of the dreadful disease pellagra; Mr. Fitch and Mr. Simpson of the State College of Agriculture, Athens, who taught us a wonderful lesson on how to raise hogs and cows.

Saturday was "High Day" of the conference. Col. Turner, our banker and friend, started the ball rolling with his advice to us to make our corn crib and smoke house at home, and to do this, he said, "make cotton your surplus crop." I am sure if we do not take his advice, we will all soon be doing like one of the farmers whom one of the speakers told us of, "who goes to town on his old mule's back, and comes joggling back with a little piece of meat in a paper sack."

Prof. Whitmire, Prof. B. S. Harris, Mrs. B. S. Harris and Prof. John Deadwyler, and Col. John Holder, all left with us much food for thought, and we thank all of you.

Please allow me to congratulate all who won prizes on their various displays in the fair, and on their meat. To the 4-H girls and boys, I congratulate you for your good displays of club and school work. Continue to try to make the Best Better.

Allen C. Williams, Reporter.

Augusta, Ga., Chronicle
Friday, [illegible]

Augustans Address Colored Farmers

Several speakers addressed a meeting of farmers at the court house last Saturday on the new agricultural program in Georgia. I. S. Ferguson, executive vice-president of the Citiens & Southern National bank here, Bright McConnell, county farm agent, Dr. E. C. Peters, president of Paine College, J. S. McLean, internationally known packer, of Toronto, Canada, and J. C. McAuliffe being speakers. While the meeting was primarily arranged for Negro farmers the general public was invited and a large number of white farmers were present.

The speakers related many important points in connection with readjustments and new conditions in farming, the general keynote sounded throughout being a plea for a safe course, first providing enough home supplies and then raising cotton as a surplus, or other cash crops. The interest and enthusiasm marking the occasion characterized the meeting as a successful one, in the opinion of observers.

Mr. McConnell outlined the plan of proceeding to obtain government credit from the seed loan fund available in this section and he expects very satisfactory results to be obtained by applicants this season.

Bainbridge, Ga., Searchlight
Thursday, [illegible]

State-Wide Farmers Conference For Negroes

We are holding a State-Wide Farmers Conference of Negroes for the purpose of putting into operation "A Live At Home Program."

The meeting will be held in the City Auditoruim at Macon at 9 a. m. Friday, September 25th, and I am writing this requesting you to use your influence with some of them to get them to attend the conference.

The Commissioner of Agriculture, Hon. Eugene Talmadge will address the conference and we are very anxious that your county should be represented, and I am sure if you will ask some of your negro farmers to go, they will gladly do so.

J. W. HOBBY.

Camilla, Ga., [illegible]
Friday, September [illegible] 1931

State-Wide Negro Farmers Conference

There will be held in Macon on Friday, September 25th, a State-Wide Negro Farmers Conference for the purpose of putting on a "Live at Home" program and taking other steps to meet the present crisis as a result of the low price of cotton. The colored people are dubious about any practical good coming from the proposed farm legislation and under such leaders as President B. F. Hubert of the Georgia State Industrial College, Dr. J. W. Holley of the Georgia Normal College, Principal W. M. Hubbard, of the State Teachers and Agricultural College, P. H. Stone, Director of the Negro farm demonstrtion work, Alva Tabor, Director of vocational work and others, plans are to be put into operation that will enable the Negroes of the state to meet the present condition of unemployment and depression.

Hon. Eugene Talmadge, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Mr. Arthur B. LaCour, Field Representative of the Federal Farm Board, will address the meeting. Governor R. B. Russell, Jr. has been invited to deliver a message to the colored farmers of the state. The meeting will be held in the City Auditorium and Mayor Glen Tool has already consented to deliver the address of welcome.

It is expected that a large number of Negro farmers from all parts of the state will be present.

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J. W. HOBBY.

1,000 NEGRO FARMERS ATTEND CONFERENCE

Constitution
12-12-31
Atlanta, Ga.

DAWSON, Ga., Dec. 11.—More than a thousand negro farmers representing all sections of Terrell county were in attendance at the colored farmers' conference held today at the Terrell county courthouse for the purpose of discussing present conditions and having outlined some plan that may be followed to bring about betterment.

William R. King, colored agricultural agent, who arranged the meeting, acted as master of ceremonies at the conference, which convened at 9:30 and continued until mid-afternoon.

Short talks were made by a number of the colored farmers of the county, probably the most interesting having been made by a negro woman farmer, Annie Durham, of the Parrett community, who has farmed land of her own in that community for a long period of years and has experienced a successful career.

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NEGRO FARMERS MEETING A SUCCESS

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(By Walter Myles, Col., Co. Agt. for Negro Farmers.)

The Negro farmers of Taliaferro county held their first meeting with their new County Agent at Crawfordville, in the courthouse Thursday, Nov. 5th. The meeting was very interesting. The topic of discussion was, "Live at Home and Board at the same place."

The speakers other than the County Agent were, M. A. Hubert and Charles Pinkston, of Hancock county, and Rev. G. Gains, of Taliaferro county.

At three o'clock the meeting was called to order. The song, "Jesus Will Fix It For You," was sung after which Rev. C. W. Woods offered a

prayer. Sixty or more farmers and their wives were present.

Charles Pinkston, of Hancock county, the first speaker, discussed most vividly, "The Salvation of the farmer depends largely upon his thriftiness to accumulate the necessary things on the farm that he might live happy under the present economic depression." The speaker further stated that the time has come when every farmer must wake up and look around himself and accumulate something to eat, keep, and something to give his less fortunate brother.

M. A. Hubert, a successful colored farmer of Springfield community, Hancock county, joined the discussion by emphasizing the needs and useful service to his superiors to whom he looks for support Using as an example a reading from the Bible, "The Poor ye will have with ye always." He stated that the negro farmer should try to make enough next year to do him and save his seeds. On his farm at Springfield this year he made on ordinarily poor land, fifty-one bushels of wheat on two acres, forty-two and one-half bushels of rye on three acres and four hundred and twenty five bushels of oats on eight acres.

Rev. G. Gains, of Taliaferro county, talked on the necessity of having good seed and good tools with which to work. He also said the Negro farmer should learn to accumulate and use economy with what he has. The speaker told the colored farmers to stop loafing on Saturdays and go to work.

With a few words from the County Agent, Walter Myles the meeting adjourned until Dec. 11, at twelve o'clock in the courthouse. Let every farmer meet us for the benefit of organizing ourselves for work.

Blakeley, Ga., News
Thursday, November 5, 1931

COLORED FARMERS OF EARLY ORGANIZE

Attend Meeting at Court House in Blakely Tuesday Morning.

The colored farmers of Early county met at the court house in Blakely Tuesday, November 3, at 11 a. m. Solomon Baker, the chairman for the Second Congressional district, led the discussion, which was followed by an address by Dr. J. W Holley, President of the Georgia Normal School at Albany and president of the Colored Farmers League of Georgia. The speech of Dr. Holley was inspiring to his hearers. He outlined a plan whereby the Negroes of the county and of Georgia at large might learn to live on at home and not on a profit basis. He emphasized having a good house, a cow, two pigs, 25 or 30 chickens, winter field crops and a good, well manured and cared for garden.

Mr. T. B. McDowell, of Blakely, gave a philosophical summary of the status of the black and white farmers of the state. He said, "Negroes are usually too anxious for pay. They are not willing to stay on the land and endeavor to help keep it built up and ready to provide a good crop the following year. . . . We all have to assume a mutual responsibility. This applies to white tenants, too."

The local officers for the Second district were elected as follows:

John Slaton, President.
W. Moses—V. President.
F. J. Davenport—Secretary.
Mrs. Hill—Asst. Secretary.
Isaiah Glenn—Treasurer.

NEGRO FARMERS HOLD PARLEY IN LOWNDES

VALDOSTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—Negro farmers of Lowndes county held their annual conference last week, discussing many farm plans. The conference is conducted under the auspices of the Farmers' Training school, which is maintained in the county for the benefit of negro farmers.

At the conference there were many interesting exhibits made by members, including plain and fancy sewing, woodwork and agricultural work. Agricultural Agent R. E. Miller spoke to the members, outlining to them the outlook for 1932 farming and advising as to the lines of diversification to meet the order of supply and demand and improve marketing conditions.

COLORED FARMERS WILL HOLD A CONFERENCE HERE

Prominent White Men Also on Program for Advancement.

A conference of negro farmers will be held at the court house Friday, December 10th, and all farmers, women, boys and girls interested in agricultural advancement among the colored people of this section are invited to attend. The following program has been arranged by W. R. King, negro county agent, who will be assisted in conducting the conference by Dallas Spurlock, Terrell county farm agent, as well as several other white citizens of the county:

Devotional, A. E. Carter; welcome address, Prof. Howard, supt. of colored schools of Dawson; topics of interest for the future, W. R. King, Dougherty county colored farm agent; "Farm Program for 1932," Dallas Spurlock, local county agent; questions and discussions by farmers present will be led by Will Josey, McGee Anderson and Tom Hallback; address, Mr. H. A. Petty, president of City National Bank of Dawson; address to women and girls, Jeane Industrial Supervisor of Colored Schools, Cooper; remarks, W. R. King, colored farm agent.

All who attend the meeting are requested to bring lunch, as a morning and afternoon session will be held.

Dawson, Ga., Herald
Thursday, December 17, 1931

NEGRO FARMERS DISCUSS PLANS

Dawson, Ga., Dec. 11.—More than a thousand negro farmers representing all sections of Terrell county were in attendance at the negro farmers' conference held at Dawson Thursday at the Terrell county court house for the purpose of discussing the present conditions and having outlined to them some plan that may be followed to bring about a betterment in conditions.

Wm. R. King, negro agricultural agent, who arranged the meeting acted as master of ceremonies, at the conference which convened at 9:30 o'clock and continued until mid-afternoon.

Short talks were made by a number of the negro farmers of the county, probably the most interesting having been made by a negro woman farmer, Annie Durham, of the Parrott community, who has farmed land of her own in that community for a long period of years and has experienced a successful career.

Talks were also made by Dallas Spurlock, white agricultural agent of Terrell county, and H. A. Petty, president of the City National bank of Dawson.

Though the courtroom was packed to capacity, the audience was one of the most orderly and attentive ever assembled for such a meeting.

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Georgia

NEGRO FARMERS HOLD MEETING

LEADING NEGRO FARMERS AND EDUCATORS HOLD MEETING IN MACON TO DISCUSS METHODS FOR FARM SUCCESS.

A meeting of Negro leaders was held in Macon Friday, Monroe county being well represented. The following account of the meeting is taken from The Macon Telegraph:

A state organization of Negro farmers to assist the members in "holding what they have in land and equipment" and to educate them in living on the farm, was the outgrowth of an all-day meeting at the Macon auditorium yesterday at which leaders of their own race and invited speakers addressed the gathering.

Dr. J. W. Holley, Albany, was elected president; Prof. W. M. Hubbard, Forsyth, vice president; S. H. Lee, Macon, secretary; Alva Tabor, Savannah, treasurer. The organization will be called the Georgia Farmers' League with the object of promoting the interest of farmers of the state.

The league will function through county units and these in turn will co-operate through associations in each congressional district. The executive committee shall be composed of the president and secretary and one member from each congressional district.

District representatives elected yesterday were Solomon Baker, first; J. A. Cochran, third; Wait Woodruff, fourth; and C. H. Moore, sixth. District leaders will be appointed in the other parts of the state and they will assist in the county organizations. A financial budget will be drawn up by the executive committee and apportioned to each county unit.

L. S. Molette, Savannah, speaking on how to make a living on the farm outlined a system of crop planting that was later adopted as a basic program.

"We have got to change our philosophy of farming," he said. "We must plan to make a living on the farm and not plan to make money. Most farmers take too much land. For a family of five, a 50-acre farm with two mules is sufficient."

His recommended planting scheme as adopted by the league follows: One acre of the best land near the house for a year round garden, one acre in sweet potatoes, one acre in sugar cane; 20 acres in corn, five acres in hay, five acres in pasture, 10 acres in peanuts, a few fruit trees, two acres of watermelons and five acres in cotton. On a replanting, put five acres of oats on hay land, five of wheat on peanut land, 20 of vetch on corn land, five of Austrian winter peas on cotton land, five rye on other part of peanut land. Live-stock should be 50 hens, five hogs and two milk cows and the twomules.

Arthur B. LaCour, New Orleans, representative of the Federal Farm board, spoke of the necessity of educational campaigns to correct the ills of farming.

He reviewed the history of farming in this country and the development of manufacturing.

"Just as a manufacturer knows which departments are paying and which are losing so should a farmer know what lands are profitable and which are not," the speaker said. "The farmers who grow at a loss are growing those crops which constitute a surplus. 'Let the losing acres lie out, if you cannot afford to build them up.

"The things that you buy at the store are at a profit. That profit comes to you when you live at home. The key to the success of adjustment is education.

"There are various marketing agencies that have been set up but it is up to the farmer to control production himself.

Eugene Talmadge, Georgia commissioner of agriculture, was prevented from attending on account of having to attend an agricultural meeting in Atlanta. In his place L. M. Linder, Atlanta, an associate of Mr. Talmadge, spoke.

He placed the reason for the farmers' plight on the tariff wall that necessitated the farmer selling in competition with a world market and buying his tools and supplies in a protected market.

"By improving jute without a tariff on the other hand," the speaker continued," the place of 3,000,000 bales of cotton is taken. In three years' time the surplus could be exhausted by shutting out jute.

"The plan to prohibit planting cotton in 1932 would have raised the price of cotton to 15 cents but business interests would not let it go through."

S. H. Lee, county agent of Bibb, Lamar and Monroe counties, spoke of soil building and cited instances where farmers had produced 19,000 and 23,000 pounds of green legume material per care to be turned under at a cost of $6.00 an acre.

Mamie Wesley, home demonstration agent, urged that women be included in the farm program.

Dr. W. G. Lee, Macon, chairman of the finance committee of the First National Bank and Trust company in Macon, spoke of the value of soil building and the need of the Negro farmers to remedy their difficulties by tackling them for themselves.

At the opening of the meeting Dr. Holley, by whom the meeting was called, told of instances of collater

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Jackson, Miss., News
Friday, February 13, 1931

NEGRO FARMERS HOLD CONFERENCE

Spirit of Optimism Manifested Down At Utica

UTICA, Miss., Feb., 12—Seven hundred farmers and their families gathered at Utica Institute near here today in the 26th negro annual farmers conference. White citizens from far and near were present; among them were: Mr. and Mrs Dayton, Miss Knutt from Jackson and Professors J. B. Lehman and Long, from Edwards; Mr. S. G. Greer, from Natchez, and Mr. C. C. Greer, from Utica. Prominent negroes were present from nearly every section of the state, and several of them made addresses. The principal address was delivered by M. M. Hubert, representing tha State agricultural department. Principal William H. Holtzclaw of the Institute, was elected president of the conference for the 26th time and his address of acceptance was one of the strongest ever heard in the chapel. The final theme of the entire day may be summed up in the fact that despite every condition surrounding negro farmers in Mississippi, they are determined to go through in good order. The following resolutions were adopted:

Realizing that these annual negro farmers' conferences have struggled with the problems of the negro farmers in this section of the South for 25 years and that through the efforts of these years much good has been done, and much progress made, we take this opportunity to urge those who are tillers of the soil to adhere more closely in the future to advice given here annually by experts along agricultural lines, and to determine in their hearts to succeed despite every difficulty that may arise.

We know of the struggles and trials of the farmers, but we also know from experience that despite these trials and tribulations throughout the South, of men who have started at the bottom and brought themselves up gradually both in efficiency and financially, by hard work and close application, and by their willingness to learn. It is because of this that your committee is able to offer encouragement to the most lowly farmer present here today. We fully realize that at this time every hour you are passing through the most trying time perhaps, the results of the greatest depression that the South has ever seen. We realize that there are some who are suffering for proper food and clothing in many parts of the South, and that you are facing a proposition which is only relieved in a measure by the Red Cross and the national government.

We realize that have not only suffered from the world depression but also from the unprecedented drouth which made it impossible for you to harvest the usual crops, but in the final analysis, we feel that the outward conditions are not altogether to blame. Much of the suffering facing you today, is brought about by your own actions and can be remedied. Indeed, it could have been remedied long ago if we could have all listened to the various agents sent out by the government and from the state, who have been preaching "diversified crops and live at home" for all these years. Dspite their preaching, however, there are still those among us who still follow the one-crop system. Even here in a trucking section, and in a section where nearly every variety of farm crops can be produced, you persist in sticking to the one-crop system. Even when you change from the planting of cotton to that of truck, you simply change from one one-crop system of cotton to that of truck, you simply change from one one-crop system of cotton to a one-crop system of truck which brings about the same results in the end.

We submit that the farmer who produces one crop and buys all his supplies from the market is in a poor position to meet such situations as we are now having. The truth is, we are living day by day on the edge of starvation and this even in prosperous times. Just so long as we farmers have no more than one year's supply of food and no money in the bank we are on the edge of starvation, because one crop failure in such circumstances leaves us in suffering and in want. There is but one way out in our opinions, and that is complete diversification of crops in such a way as to produce on our little farms sufficient food supplies so that no such articles will have to be bought from the market, to produce corn in such quantities that hogs can be raised sufficient for family use, that a cow be kept in condition to supply milk and butter, and that a horse or mule can be kept in good condition by proper feeding to produce another crop. Women folk can help to relieve the family struggles by keeping chickens and producing eggs, both for the table and the market. If these conditions are made to prevail there is no reason in the world why success should not crown the efforts of every farmer in the land.

Here in the South we have never learned the important lesson of carefuly cultivating the soil when beginning a crop. We stop the rows two feet from the fence at each end of the row, and on both sides of the field. Briars grow up on these two feet until another two feet are occupied, and so on until we are actually cultivating land out in the middle of the field, leaving the best land for weeds and bushes. But, even worse than that, we distribute our fertilizer in the spring and just about the time the grass peeps up out of the ground and begins to sap the life out of the fertilizer, we plant our seeds, and as the seeds begin to germinate and grow, the grass is already growing and is allowed to grow from one to three weeks before it is "killed." The fact is, all of it is never killed, and much of it grows right along with the crop.

As the grass roots have greater ramifications than many plants, it follows that the grass takes up most of the strength of the fertilizer that should go into the plants. The resulti s, poor plant life and more or less crop failure.

These are just a few of the little things that prevents the average farmer from succeeding, and in our opinion he never will succeed until he decides to remedy these conditions. The advice is all given him free, and if he continues to fail because of his refusal to act, he certainly cannot blame anybody but himself.

The condition of our farmers with their ditches growing in bushes and trees, and the land so poorly cultivated is a serious problem when contrasted with the condition of farmers in a more enlightened farming section of the country. We realize that it is hard for you to get out of the old grove, and probably, some of you never will. To remedy this lies in your efforts to keep your sons and daughters in some school where agriculture is taught and where enough trade education is given to enable them to go back to these farms and build up fences, whitewash the barns and outhouses, and if necessary, repair the dwelling house. If these young people are given a fair chance they will not continue to follow the wornout and discarded methods on the farm, and as a result it will revolutionize southern agriculture.

Again we suggest that one thing helpful, would be a little more foresight on the part of our farmers. In the summer time there is at least one month when there is practically nothing to do so far as cultivation goes, and the harvest is not yet ready. These months should be taken up in straightening up the farm and its surroundings, in getting in fuel for the winter, and doing the thousand and one little jobs about the farm and house that are usually crying to be accomplished, and which the average farmer cannot find time to accomplish in the cultivating period, nor harvesting period. As you know, there are a couple of months in the winter after the crops are harvested, and before the new crops are started that you do little or nothing except to sit by the fire where nothing is gained and much is lost. A little foresight would dictate that you provide yourselves in summer with sufficient winter clothing so that you get out in the open and terrace and ditch the old plantation, straighten up the fences and accomplish other odd jobs that you did not accomplish in the summer. Also, if you have sufficient clothing, you may be able to pick up other jobs for other men that need to be done, but because of scarcity of clothing you do not feel able to venture in the cold and hard weather, thus you lose ample time that should be used to your credit.

One other and very important thing that we wish to call to your minds, and a thing in which many of the farmers in the South have become run down, is that the average tenant who rents from the landlord cannot make sufficient profit for the family and for the landlord. This is due to the fact that for years and years we have been taking the richness from the soil without placing anything back. The result is, many landlords find it impossible to hold their lands and have had to put them on the market for sale. Their holdings, in many cases, are so large that there is no hope of them cultivating them themselves, for they are ofttimes engaged in merchandising business, so when you find it impossible to live and support yourselves on these farms, and produce a reasonable amount of interest, the landlords' investment, you not only become a failure but you cause your landlords also to fail. Much of this comes about by your faulty reasoning. You fail to fertilize and build up your land, because you feel that as soon as you do this somebody will rent it out from you, and when a large number of people reason like that the land suffers. Why not reverse the reasoning, and everybody build up the land so that whenever there is a change, nobody will be affected by such change. Everybody should plant fruit trees on the land they work so that whenever you move from one place to another each man will find a little orchard all ready for him. These are some of the things that we, as farmers, must get down to before we succeed. There is another final suggestion, and a very important one that we wish to make to you, that is an effort to buy a small plot of land upon which to live and work. It is not necessary to buy one hundred acres or more but the average man can now buy 30 to 40 acres and so cultivate the land as to make him independent as a farmer. We hope that you will take the lessons of these conferences and the experience of the people who have spoken, and the advice from the experts, and with it start yourselves off on the road to prosperity.

Signed,
G. C. Cypress,
Chairman.
E. V. SWAGGARD,
B. B. DAUSBY,
A. W. HOLMES,
Secretary.

NEGRO FARMERS AND HOUSEWIVES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Negro Farmers and Housewives annual Conference, was held February 27, in the Courthouse, under the supervision of the Negro Extension Agents, Chas. Johnson, Farm Agent and S. R. Perkins, Home Demonstration Agent.

Mr. Weeks, County Farm Agent (white) and Miss Olive Alexander County Superintendent, were the principal speakers.

Mr. Weeks gave a heart to heart talk to the farmers on the condition and confronting the country. He advised means by which people could meet or cope with coming conditions. He advised every one to brace up and be optimistic.

Miss Alexander spoke to the people and especially the women on food production and conservation, giving the men the field and swine crops and the women the garden and poultry production.

Her talk on gardening was indeed a masterpiece. She made a beautiful illustration comparing a young plant to a young child, showing how each would thrive and grow up to maturity if given proper or improper attention. She spoke on seed selection and its value.

Talks were made by several farmers and housewives.

Demonstrations were given on fruit tree setting and pruning by Mr. C. Winston, Issaquena Farm Agent and on making a dressing table from fruit boxes by Mrs. Mattie B. Jordan, Issaquena County Home Dem. Agent. The County Farm Agent, C. J. Johnson stated the object of the meeting and gave a demonstration in poultry culling.

The Home Dem. Agent, Sylvia R. Perkins, outlined the programme of work for 1931 among negro women and girls and had on display a splendid exhibit of canned meats, vegetables, conserves, preserves, jams Jellies and marmalades in the feeds department. In the clothing department there were street, church, evening, sport, and house dresses made from the humble sugar, meal and flour sacks. Luncheon sets, cup towels and kitchen aprons were also on display made from the same articles.

In the Household Art department there were on display a fine collection of braided, hooked and crochet rugs made from old clothing and oat sacks, beautiful quilts and mattresses oil cloth shades and cheese cloth curtains.

The last speaker was Mr. M. M. Hubert, Negro Extension District Agent for men. His talk was along common sense lines, full of logic. The meeting was largely attended and full of interest and enthusiam from beginning to end.

Farmers of Nation Invade Mound Bayou, Miss.

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His Honor Mayor Green, Extends Welcome to Tillers of the Soil

CITY ESTABLISHED BY I. T. MONTGOMERY IN DELTA STATE IS THE MECCA FOR THREE DAYS

Nashville, Tenn

Mound Bayou, Miss.—(Special)—His Honor, Mayor J. L. Green of this city delivered an address of welcome to the farmers of the nation who are in session for three days here in what is known as the National Convention of Farmers. It is to be held under the auspices of the National Federation of Colored Farmers, headed by Hon. James P. Davis, its president. The residents of this nationally known town, because of its entire Negro personnel, are hospitable in their entertainment of the visitors. 8-14-31

Representatives from the National Farm Bureau with headquarters in Washington, manufacturing concerns such as the International Harvester Company, many big factories and farm implement houses, with representatives from wholesale concerns, fertilizing plants and other organizations are mingling with the farmers and tillers of the soil; stock raisers, fruit growers, timber men and poultry raisers are listening to addresses of particular merit in their respective fields of labor.

The morning hours are given over to a general discussion and to listening to plans for relief of the farmer. Every subject is being discussed. Government agencies and farm administrators are likewise interested. The largest exhibit ever known at a farm meeting was installed two days before the National Convention was called to order. The Convention opened Thursday morning and will continue in session until Saturday evening. The chairman of the Farm Board at Washington sent a special message. Cooperative farm organizations sent their greetings, and the Mississippi State Organization made up of many units, was represented by their president, while the national president brought greetings from many dignitaries. Governors from nearly every state appointed outstanding men and women to represent the several commonwealths in Dixieland. A reception for the visitors is planned for Saturday evening, at which the Mayor of the city, the city officials will present the distinguished guests.

Farmers End Three-Day Meeting in Mound Bayou

Defender 9-5-31

MOUND BAYOU, Miss., Sept. 5.—The farmers of Mississippi and 15 other states holding membership in the National Federation of Colored Farmers, Inc., a farmers co-operative association, held a three days session of their annual convention for Mississippi here.

The object of this meeting was to discuss all phases of farm life, from the first planting of seeds to the marketing of farm products. These discussions included the diversification of crops, co-operative marketing of fruits and vegetables, the best methods of co-operating with the existing state co-operatives for the orderly sale of cotton owned by independent farmers, agricultural credit corporations, federal farm loans, federal farm loan banks and other agencies that will enable the farmer to finance himself through any and all means recognized by both federal and state government.

The principal speaker was Arthur B. LaCour, field representative of the federal farm board. Mr. LaCour was introduced by E. H. White, the Delta district agent of the U. S. extension department. Mr. LaCour said, among other things, "The importance of the farmer growing enough food to feed his family and stock until the next harvest cannot be emphasized too greatly." Mr. LaCour further urged the repaying of all loans made last year as quickly as possible.

T. Y. Williford, Delta county agent, explained the nature of the work in his department, the methods used to "carry on" and stressed the importance of continuing the admirable constructive work and purposes of the National Federation of Colored Farmers as outlined by President James P. Davis; Hon. B. A. Green, the talented mayor of Mound Bayou; E. P. Booze, the very capable master of ceremonies, and Rev. B. W. Byram, head of the Bolivar unit.

Other speakers were Mr. Feeny, traveling engineer for the Illinois Central railroad, and Mr. Beven, trainmaster of the same line; James P. Davis, president of the National Federation of Colored Farmers; Mayor B. A. Green of Mound Bayou; Prof. Floyd Brown, founder of the Fargo Agricultural school at Fargo, Ark.; Professor Redding of Sioux Falls, S. D., and a former Mississippian; Mrs. Mary C. Booze, national Republican committeewoman for Mississippi, and the 11 appointees commissioned by the governors of their respective states to represent the farmers of their state.

O. Lightbourne discussed hog cholera, its cause and how to avoid it. The meeting of these struggling farmers of our group was soul-inspiring, filled with an intense interest that is affected by the acute economic conditions that are now common to all.

Wonderful singing, peculiar only to the Race, furnished by the Bolivar County Training school of Mound Bayou, interspersed the very interesting program.

Five hundred dollars in prizes were given away for best displays of farm products. An entire section of the school building was filled with a most creditable display of fruits, vegetables, grain, poultry, canned goods and sewing.

The International Harvester company had a complete display of their farming implements and also put on a most interesting movie showing improved methods in agriculture. One day was set aside as Women's day and over three thousand wives and daughters of the farmers were out to see and hear one of the most efficient fleets of demonstrators ever sent by the General Foods corporation, demonstrating short and efficient cuts in canning, preserving, cake baking and general management of household duties.

Prize Winners

The list of competition, prizes awarded and winners of contests are as follows:

Largest watermelon — First prize, one can C. M. A. coffee; second prize, year's subscription to The Chicago Defender, both won by Fred L. Booze, Mound Bayou.

Best peck Irish potatoes — First prize, one can C. M. A. coffee; second prize, year's subscription to The Chicago Defender, both won by Mrs. Alti M. Crowe, Mound Bayou.

Best stalk of cotton with largest bolls—Tip-top overalls, won by Mrs. Carrie Ford, Merigold, Miss.

Best earn corn—First prize, Tip-top service work shirt; second prize, Tip-top blanket lined coat, both won by Johnie Gayden, Herd's unit of Greenwood, Miss., Route 1, Box 267.

Best peck sweet potatoes—Tip-top overalls, won by Mrs. E. P. Frances, Mound Bayou.

Chairman of largest unit delegation present—One portable radio, won by I. Gray, Tchula.

To the kid who can holler "Tip-top Overalls" the loudest — First prize, one Tip-top children's rompers and one Tip-top boys' overalls, won by George Hibbler, Mound Bayou; second prize, one box Teaberry chewing gum, won by Chester Gloss, Mound Bayou.

To best marble shooter—First prize, one Tip-top overalls, won by Charlie Pious, Mound Bayou; second prize, one box Teaberry gum, won by C. F. Morgan, Mound Bayou.

Best dozen eggs (by weight)—First prize, one-pound can C. M. A. coffee; second prize, year's subscription to Abbott's Monthly, both won by Mrs. Altie Crowe, Mound Bayou.

Best peck field peas—First prize, one-pound can C. M. A. coffee; second prize, year's subscription to Abbott's Monthly, both won by E. W. Williams, Vaughn.

Best home-made house dress—One complete aluminum cooking set, donated by the Murray Manufacturing company, Chicago, won by Mrs. Pearl Davis, Mound Bayou.

Best display of home-made quilts—Sewing machine, donated by Sears-Roebuck company, won by Mrs. Carrie Ford, Merigold, Miss.

Three largest sweet potatoes—First prize, one can C. M. A. coffee, donated by C. M. A.; second prize, year's subscription to Abbott's Monthly, both won by Mrs. E. P. Frances, Mound Bayou.

Three largest Irish potatoes—First prize, one can C. M. A. coffee; second prize, years' subscription to The Chicago Defender, both won by Fred Montgomery, Mount Pleasant unit.

Best quart jar tomatoes — Year's subscription to Abbott's Monthly, won by Mrs. Pearl Davis, Mound Bayou.

Best quart jar corn—Year's subscription to Abbott's Monthly, won by Mrs. H. B. Brown, Mound Bayou.

Best quart jar string beans—Year's subscription to The Chicago Defender, won by Mrs. H. B. Brown, Mound Bayou.

Best display of fruits and vegetables in jars—Three gross fruit jars and caps, won by Mrs. Altie Crowe, Mound Bayou.

Best home-made lemon pie—One-half barrel Dictator flour, won by Mrs. Ethel Williams, Mound Bayou.

Best home-made cake — One-half barrel Dictator flour, won by Mrs. Beatrice Thurman, Mound Bayou.

Member bringing in largest number of applicants for membership in the National Federation of Colored Farmers, Charles Ashley.

Member bringing in largest number of subscriptions to the Modern Farmer, the official paper of the N. F. C. F.—Set of Rogers silverware, won by Mrs. Ella H. Jones, Mound Bayou.

To the unit which has co-operatively bought and sold the largest volume of merchandise—Two pure-bred registered Duroc pigs, won by the Mt. Olive unit, Lexington, Miss., Robert Booker, chairman.

Market agent of the winning unit of the above prize—One membership into the American Duroc Jersey association, won by Isaac Randall, Lexington, Miss. One subscription to the Duroc Sentinel goes to Robert Booker.

Best display of home-made bread—One kitchen cabinet, donated by Sears-Roebuck agricultural foundation, won by Josephine Gaunt, Mound Bayou.

Best quart jar peach preserves—Year's subscription to The Chicago Defender, won by Mrs. E. P. Frances, Mound Bayou.

Best stalk of sugar cane—Year's subscription to the Mid-South Liberator, won by Mrs. W. A. Worthington, Mound Bayou.

Best display of home canned fruits and vegetables—One automatic canner and one pressure kettle cooker won by Mrs. T. B. Walker, Mound Bayou.

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National Federation of Colored Farmers.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COLORED FARMERS HOLD EXECUTIVE MEETING

OFFICERS ELECTED—NASHVILLE TO REMAIN HEADQUARTERS FOR THE OFFICIAL ORGAN

4-10-31

Chicago, April 8—(Special to The Nashville Globe)—The Board of Directors of the National Federation of Colored Farmers, in regular business session this week in Chicago, holding meeting in the Vincennes Hotel, held its election of officers with the following results: Mr. J. P. Davis, National President. Nashville was again made headquarters for the publishing of the organization's official paper, known as The Modern Farmer, with Mr. Leon Harris, Editor and Miss Sadie B. Wilson, Secretary and Manager.

The reports coming from the several committees dealing with the bettering of the Colored Farmer along all lines of crop production as well as the idea of encouraging diversifying farming, were made. Local organizations, shown by reports, have been organized in many communities where farming is the chief occupation.

A plan is on foot, looking forward to establishing a direct selling of the farmers' produce to the manufacturers, by which a greater profit will be theirs; to this end two committees were appointed, with one going to Springfield and the other to New York to confer with manufacturers.

It was stated by the Secretary and Manager of The Modern Farmer, that a full account of this Committee report would be given out to the farmers, through the official organ.

FARMERS PLAN BIG CONVENTION

7-12-31

CHICAGO, July 9.—(ANP)—James Perry Davis, president of the National Federation of Colored Farmers, Inc., has announced that the second annual convention of the federation will be held at Mound Bayou Mississippi for three days beginning August 13th. Mound Bayou, the all Negro town, is situated in Bolivar County which contains more Negro farmers than any other county in the United States.

Some of the speakers at convention meetings which are to be held in the county school building are: Arthur B. LaCour, representing the federal farm board; Dr. Henry Allen Boyd, Nashville church leader; Roscoe Conklin Simmons, F. B. Ransom and Col. C. R. Richardson, of Richmond, Ind.

GOVERNORS APPOINT DELEGATES TO NAT'L FARMERS CONFERENCE

8-1-31

CHICAGO, July 30—(ANP)—Announcement was made here Tuesday by James Perry Davis, president of the National Federation of Colored Farmers, Inc., that the governors of two southern states had appointed representatives to the annual convention of the organization, which is to be held at Mound Bayou, Miss. Aug. 13, 14, 15.

On Monday Gov. Henry H. Horton of Tennessee, issued a commission to Dr. Henry Allen Boyd to represent the colored farmers of Tennessee Gov. Richard B. Russell Jr., Georgia has appointed Dr. J. W. Holley, president of the Georgia Normal and Training School at Albany.

At the same time Mr. Davis took positive exception to letters written by H. D. Williams, state agricultural officer in Mississippi, to colored farmers, urging them not to affiliate with the National Association of Colored Farmers and implying that the federation was a racket.

Mr. Davis insisted that Mr. Williams' letters was inspired by prejudice and probably was the outgrowth of action taken by private business men in the state whose profits are greater so long as the farmers are forced to do their marketing individually, rather than through a co-operative. Williams had laid considerable stress in his letter to colored farmers on the $5 membership fee in the federation.

"Most of the white co-operatives charge $10 and $15," retorted Davis.

Mr. Davis also submitted an excerpt from a letter from James C. Stone, chairman of the Federal Farm Board, in which Mr. Stone said: "If the aims and purposes of your organization are carried out, it will be of great benefit to the colored farmers of this country."

"Our organization is constructed along the lines required by the Federal Farm Board," added Mr. Davis "The board specifically states that farmers who are to derive the benefits awarded by the board must be organized into such co-operative units as we are building. In the South it is impossible for the colored farmers to join the white associations. Unless they organize their own they are not in a position to ask for the board's help. Of course, it is to the advantage of certain business interests to keep the farmers apart. If they cannot keep the white farmers from organizing, their next best bet is to sew seeds of discord among the black farmers, so that they can force them to reline their products at the lowest p[ossible] prices."

NEGRO FARMERS NOT SANC

Savannah Press
7-15-31

Savannah, Ga.

Jackson, Miss., July 15 (CNS)—Pointing out that the National Federation of Negro Farmers has no recognition from the Federal Farm Board and charging that the colored organization is using its perishable commodities license to trick Mississippi Negro farmers into paying a $6 entry fee, Director E. C. McInnis of the Mississippi Agricultural Bureau is broadcasting work to the farmers to investigate the federation before parting with their funds

In a letter to Thomas J. Williams, teacher of agriculture at Summerland, Miss. Mr. McInnis writes:

Dear Williams:

Mr. F. J. Hubbard, supervisor of vocational education tells us that the National Federation of Negro Farmers under the management of Joseph P. Davis, of Chicago, Ill., are right active in your community and reuests that we give you such information as we have pertaining to the activities of this organization.

In some of the correspondence sent out from headquarters in Chicago particular attention is called to the United States government and from what we gather many Negro farmers are under the impression that the organization has the support and backing of the United States government, while in reality this license of the organization is in accordance with the reuirements of the federal law known as the Perishable Commodities Act, which requires each dealer in fruits and vegetables throughout the entire United States, handling 20 cars or more annually to procure a license from the government. This Act has to do with forcing the unscrupulous dealer to deal fairly with shipments of farm produce, and in the event he does not, the license may be revoked and the firm prohibited from handling further shipments of fruits and vegetables.

This organization—regardless of what you are told—has not received the recognition of the Federal Farm Board, whch is evidenced by a letter we have from Mr. Chris. L. Christendson, secretary of the Federal Farm Board—a portion of which we quote: "We are unable to give you very definite information regarding the National Federation of Colored Farmers. James P. Davis, who, apparently, is in charge of this organization, had a conference with members of the Federal Farm Board last winter. At that time he was advised by those board members that there was no special need for a national federation of colored farmers because Negro farmers can organize their own local cooperative association, if necessary, or can join existing co-operative societies on the same terms as white farmers.

The Farm Board has made no commitments to the National Farmers, and in fact, is doubtful regarding the usefulness and purpose of the organization.

The Federal Farm Board has made it perfectly clear that they would not be sympathetic toward creating or backing any marketing organization that would serve one race or one section of the country to the exclusion of oth others. Any marketing organization receiving the endorsement and aid of the Federal Farm Board is open to any farmer regardless of color, and every member-patron is accorded the same treatment.

Frankly,I see no opportunity for this organization to serve the Negro Farmers of Miss., in any manner and fear that James P. Davis, is more interested in collecting a $5 membership fee from each Negro farmer than in rendering the equivalent in services. I think it a sad commentary on the Negro leadership than they should prey on the ignorance of their people and take money that is sorely needed in family coffers under the guise and mere promise of service they are in no position to render.

I trust that you and other Negro leaders in your community will busy yourselves to the extent that you will get the "low-down" on the activities of this organization and convince your poeple that they are throwing their money away. We shall be glad to give you any information that will assist you in solving the problems of your race at any time that we may.

Very truly yours,
E.C. McInnis, Director

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NEGRO FARMERS HEAR OF MODERN METHODS

Approximately 100 From Guilford County Gather At A. and T. College.

HAVE MANY SPEAKERS

Approximately 100 negro farmers of Guilford county gathered at A. and T. college yesterday morning, to hear speakers of statewide prominence tell them how to grow more dollars and better crops with less work. It was conceded by officials in charge to be one of the most successful meetings of negro farmers held in this county within the last 10 years.

All sessions were held in the A. and T. agricultural building and got underway at 10:30 in the morning with W. B. Harrison, local agent, presiding. He was assisted by Annie Murray, local home agent.

The farmers and speakers alike were made to feel welcome to the A. and T. campus by Dean M. F. Spaulding, of the agricultural department, who stressed the benefits to be derived from such gatherings in his welcoming address.

The principal speaker of the day was B. D. Adams, federal farm board representative in this state and a practical farmer.

Mr. Adams stressed the importance of the farmers co-operative marketing movement, with special emphasis on the tobacco situation. It was imperative, he pointed out, that the growers of tobacco come to an agreement on some systematic method of marketing their product. The same analysis was made to apply to growers of cotton, but was not stressed in view of the fact that cotton is not a leading crop in Guilford.

Other speakers included Mrs. J. S. McKimmon, of Raleigh, assistant director of extension, whose address was confined to the production, preparation and serving of the proper kinds of food. Co-operation between farmer and wife in this phase was of prime importance, she said.

C. R. Hudson, state agent, addressed the farmers on the matter of gardening, particularly as pertains to the production of vegetables. All-year-round production of vegetables, of as much variety as possible, was pointed to as an important step.

The sessions were interspersed with various songs by the audience. Two quartets, one from the vocational department at Sedalia, and the other from the Red Hill 4-H club, sang two selections.

The session adjourned at 1 o'clock many of the visiting farmers attending the invitation negro track meet held in the World War Memorial stadium.

FUTURE N. C. FARMERS READY FOR ASSEMBLY

29 Chapters of Negro Farm Boy Leaders Are to Meet At A. and T.

STATE HONOR WINNER

The fourth annual meeting of the Future North State Farmers, a statewide organization of negro vocational agricultural students, will convene at A. and T. college, April 8, 9 and 10. Reports coming in to S. B. Simmons, supervisor of vocational agriculture, from the 29 chapters located in different parts of the state indicate the greatest meeting in the history of the organization.

The high points in the meeting this year will be: The reports made by the representatives from the different chapters, setting up the state objectives to be accomplished next year, election of state officers, and giving the third and highest degrees to those members who have met the requirements for the degree. It is the ambition of every member to receive this third degree. Those who are successful will receive a gold key and lifetime membership in the organization.

As in former years, the annual judging contest will be held at this time. More interest is being shown in the contest than ever before. Much of the interest is due to the fact that the team from this organization won the silver loving cup at the sectional meeting and contest of New Farmers of America at Washington, D. C., last year. Every student who is successful in making the team which will compete against winning teams from other states at the Washington meeting on May 5.

A new feature for this year is the essay and public speaking contest. On the night of April 9, the following students will represent their chapters and groups: Lee Baker from Method and group one; D. Deberry from Troy and group two; Floyd Harris, Rich Square and group three; J. C. Gill, Jr., Elizabethtown and group four. These students wrote on these subjects: "The Importance of Insect Control" and "Vocational Education in Agriculture as a Farm Relief Measure."

NEGRO FARMERS TO MEET AT A. AND T.

Increased Production Will Be Discussed At Meeting to Be Held Friday.

Friday, April 17, at 10:30 a. m., the negro farmers of Guilford county and their wives, will meet at A. and T. college for the purpose of discussing ways to increase production on the farm.

At this time Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, assistant director of extension work; C. R. Hudson, state agent, and B. D. Adams, representative of the federal farm board, will speak to the group. Mr. Hudson will speak on the subject, "How to Grow Dollars."

The meeting, which will be of interest to all farmers, will be in charge of W. B. Harrison, local farm agent, and A. M. Murray, local home agent.

South Carolina.

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Charleston, S. C. [illegible] Courier
Monday, February [illegible], 1931.

NEGRO FARMERS MEET

Seek to Improve Conditions on St. Helena Island

Beaufort, Feb. 22. — Special: There was an enthusiastic meeting of the negro farmers of St. Helena Island at the Penn Industrial school Friday afternoon for the purpose of formulating some plans for agricultural betterment on the island. The meeting was called by B. B. Barnwell, negro extension agent on the island.

T. H. Seabrook, Beaufort county farm agent, talked to the island farmers and introduced a sweet potato project, by means of which, if adopted, it is hoped to furnish them a cash crop for the coming year. William Keyserling also made a talk to the negroes.

Group meetings will be held at intervals over the island in an effort to further interest these small farmers in this project.

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NEGRO FARMERS HOLD INSTITUTE HERE JULY 16TH

A large number of negro farmers and members of their families are expected to gather here July 15 at the Middle Tennessee Experiment Station for the Colored Farmers Institute, which meets in Columbia for a one-day session for the first time in several years.

From 9:30 to twelve o'clock the men will be shown over the experiment station by L. R. Neel, superintendent, while the negro women are in a special session. The joint session is in the afternoon and a fine program has been arranged.

For the women during the morning the first feature is a demonstration in caring for dairy products in the home, by L. S. Edwards, specialist of the University of Tennessee.

A demonstration in the care of dishes will be given by C. R. McEthrath, supervisor of Wilson county, and a demonstration in rug-making by Mrs. Minnie Bledsoe of Elkton, while the cooking demonstration will be by Mrs. M. E. Richards of A. & I. State Normal.

In the afternoon the importance of the home garden will be told by Bertha Cunningham and "Poultry as a Food Supply for the Home" will be the topic of Lottie Ashworth.

L. S. Edwards, U. T. expert, will tell of home dairying and J. C. Rucker will discuss commercial dairying.

Pork products will be the subject of Joe McCauley, with Henry Starns giving a demonstration in this subject.

The home orchard will be discussed by John Peath and W. C. Pelton, U. T. expert. Money Crops will be discussed by Lee Trotter and R. H. Milton, the later crop specialist of the U. T. Division of Extension.

A part of the program devoted to Sanitation and health on the farm.

Agricultural extension work in Tennessee will be reviewed by C. E. Brehm, assistant director and W. J. Hale, president of A. & I. Normal, Nashville, will review the program of this school for the state

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NEGRO FARMERS TO HOLD INSTITUTE HERE

Constructive Program Arranged For July 15 At Station

A one-day institute for negro farmers and their families in this section of the state, will be held at the Middle Tennessee Experiment Station on July 15 and specialists from the University of Tennessee and demonstration workers will assist superintendent L. R. Neel in the program. An inspection of the projects on the farm will consume the forenoon and talks and demonstrations will comprise the afternoon program. Sanitation and health will have an important part.

Negro Farmers To Meet At Columbia

More than 500 colored farmers will assemble at the institute at the Middle Tennessee Experiment Station in Columbia, July 15. Speakers from the University of Tennessee and from A. & I. State college will participate on the program. Practical farmers will give demonstrations. The program includes an inspection of the experiment station under the direction of Supt. L. R. Neal, from 9:30 to noon. Other important features include discussions of the following subjects: Home and Commercial Dairying: Dairy Products in the Home, L. S. Edwards, manufacturing specialist, University of Tennessee; Commercial Dairying, J. C. Rucker; Pork Production, Joe McCauley; Demonstration, Henry Starns; The Home Orchard, John Leath; W. C. Pelton, horticultural specialist, University of Tennessee; Sanitation and Health on the Farm, Maury county health unit and Dr. Bent.

In the morning a special program has been provided for women which includes the following: Demonstration: Dairy Products in the Home, L. S. Edwards, dairy manufacturing specialist, University of Tennessee; Demonstration: The Care of Dishes, by Miss C. R. McElrath, supervisor of Wilson county; Improvement I Have Made in My Home and Kitchen, Mrs. H. V. Cantta, Pulaski, Tenn.; Demonstration: Rug [illegible] Mrs. Minnie [illegible] Tenn.; Cooki[illegible] M. E. [illegible]chards.

West Tennessee Farmers to Meet

The annual meeting of the West Tennessee Farmers' Institute will be held at the U. T. experiment station farm, Jackson, July 22-23 with a program for negro farmers on July 24th.

The principal speakers secured for the event are W. T. Martindale, director of field services for the American Farm Bureau federation; A. F. Lever, field representative for the federal farm board; Mrs. Lapsley Hope, Chattanooga; Judge Camelle Kelley, judge of the Memphis juvenile court; Dr. W. J. Fitts, state commissioner of agriculture; C. A. Mooers, director of U. T. experiment stations and Dr. M. Jacob, head of U. T. animal husbandry department.

In addition to the speaking program a number of special demonstrations and field tours have been arranged, also special programs of interest to homemakers.

FARM INSTITUTE TO BE HELD AT JACKSON, TENN.

Strong Program Arranged For Two Day Event At Jackson

JACKSON, Tenn., — (Special)— One of the strongest programs in recent years has been arranged for the annual Farm and Home Institute which will be held here July 22-23, and a record attendance is expected, states Ben P. Hazlewood, secretary.

An interesting feature of the meeting will be a camp with accommodations available for 100 people. Cots will be furnished free and meals will be served at reasonable prices on the grounds. An interesting program has also been provided for Wednesday night.

The principal speakers secured for the event are W. T. Martindale, director of field service for the American Farm Bureau Federation, A. F. Lever, field representative for the Federal Farm Board and a former congressman of South Carolina, Mrs. Lapsley Hope, Chattanooga, Judge Camelle Kelly, Judge of the Memphis Juvenile Court; Dr. W. J. Fitts, State Commissioner of Agriculture, C. A. Mooers, Director of U. T. Experiment Stations and Dr. M. Jacobs, Head of U. T. Animal Department.

Director Mooers will discuss results obtained from crop and fertilizer experiments; County Agent M. D. Brock, Chester County, will give some results of 4-H cotton club work and County Agent Hugh Powers, Henderson County, will discuss the marketing of lespedeza seed, at the opening session Wednesday morning.

The principal speakers of the afternoon will be Mr. Martindale, who will discuss the work of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and Judge Kelly. Their addresses will be followed by a tour of the Experiment Station Farm.

Thursday morning Dr. Jacob will discuss the livestock situation in the state: L. H. Halton, agent in Gibson County will speak on the importance of the dairy cow in Tennessee; Agent G. L. Cleland, Obion County will discuss opportunities in growing beef cattle and Agent Judd Brooks, Madison County will discuss cooperative marketing of livestock.

Hon. A. F. Lever and Mrs. Hope will be the speakers of the afternoon. Mr. Lever will discuss the work of the Farm Board and "Live At Home" will be the subject of Mrs. Hope's address.

NEGROES PLAN TO STAGE FARM MEET ANNUALLY

MORE THAN 150 DELEGATES REPRESENTING MIDDLE TENNESSEE IN CONVENTION HERE

LEADING WHITE AND COLORED FARM EXPERTS ON PROGRAM

Tour Of Station And Special Program For Women Morning Features. A. & I. College Sponsors Work

The first meeting of the Colored Farmers Institute of Middle Tennessee, held at the Experiment Station here today with more than 50 negro women and more than 100 negro men in attendance, was marked by the making of plans to have this an annual affair and to build up the attendance to 500 or more by next summer.

The Institute, sponsored by the A & I. Normal, of Nashville, and presided over by G. R. Bridgeworth, head of the agricultural department there, completed a full day's program which began at nine o'clock this morning with a tour of the farm plots by the men and especial session for the women, and ended late this afternoon when the organization was perfected at the conclusion of a joint program stressing the "Live at Home" idea.

Leaders of the white and colored extension forces of the state of Tennessee were headliners on the program, which was featured this afternoon by an address by President W. J. Hale of the A. & I. State College outlining the extension program of that institution.

During the morning, with Kate Gresham, head of the negro home demonstration workers of the state, in charge, a program centering around the care of the home was heard by the women. L. S. Edwards, U. T. dairy specialist, outlined the proper use and preservation of dairy products in the home; Clara McElrath, colored supervisor of Wilson county, gave a demonstration in the care of dishes; improvements made in home and kitchen were outlined by the Giles worker; and a demonstration in rug making was given by Minnie Bledsoe of Elkton; while Minnie E. Edwards of the State A. & I. faculty gave a most interesting cooking demonstration.

The men were taken during the morning for a tour of the 600-acre farm here and evidenced much interest in the experimental work and the methods used in increasing produdtion.

The meeting at the auditorium opened at 12:30 with G. R. Bridgefort presiding, and following the opening prayer and music came a talk by Bettie Cunningham on "The Home Garden and What It Has Meant This Year," in which the growing the preserving of vegetables for the farm family were stressed.

Poultry and food supply for the home was stressed by Lottie Ashworth, and the use of dairy products told by L. S. Edwards and J. C. Rucker.

Pork production was outlined by Joe McCauley, with Henry Sterns giving a demonstration.

The Home Orchard was the subject for John Leath, and W. C. Pelton of the University of Tennessee.

Money Crops were topics for Lee Trotter and R. H. Milton, agronomist of the University of Tennessee.

Sanitation and health on the farm was discussed by T. B. Link, of the Maury county health unit, and Dr Bent, of the Rosenwald department of the state department of health.

Agricultural extension work in Tennessee was then outlined by C. E Brehm, assistant director of the U.

T. extension service, following which President Hale made his address and a number of visitors were heard.

The negroes, some farm owners and some tenants, took a great interest in the proceedings and the vote was unanimous for making this an annual event. G. S. Bridgeworth announced a meeting in Jackson July 24 for the organization of a similar group in West Tennessee, and it is planned to organize in East Tennessee also. A vote of thanks was given the A. & I. College for its work in sponsoring the meeting today.

The largest delegations present today were from Maury, Giles, Lawrence, Williamson, Davidson and Sumner, but there were delegates from as far away as Booker T. Washington High School Memphis, and a scattering few from other counties in Middle Tennessee.